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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 1873

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PGOV OTRA AFSP GE WB UR PL  
SUBJ: RAIL TRAVEL VIA EAST BERLIN/WEST BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 4004, (B) BERLIN 5467

1. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY THE IMAGINATIVE AND INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS  
IN REFS A AND B OF ALTERNATIVES WHICH COULD PRESERVE THE ALLIED  
POLITICAL POSITION ON THE BERLIN QUESTION WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY  
TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE MORALE AND WELFARE OF USG EMPLOYEES AND  
DEPENDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND.

2. FOR OUR PURPOSES, ALL PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED BY A PROCEDURE  
AS OUTLINED IN PARA 9A. OF REF A, UNDER WHICH ADDITIONAL PER-  
SONNEL AND VEHICLES COULD BE ASSIGNED TO USBER TO PROVIDE A  
SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR VISITORS FROM THE EAST FROM  
TRAIN STATIONS IN EAST BERLIN TO DESTINATIONS IN WEST BERLIN AND  
VICE VERSA.

3. WE ARE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 9B, IF  
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ONLY BECAUSE THE FORMULA FOR DETERMINING POST-DIFFERENTIAL  
ALLOWANCES IS ALREADY RATHER COMPLICATED AND THERE CAN BE NO  
ADVANCE ASSURANCE THAT SPECIFIC INCREMENTS OF HARDSHIP WILL BE  
ADEQUATELY REFLECTED IN INCREASED ALLOWANCES.

4. OUR PREDOMINANT CONCERN IS WITH TRAVEL TO AND FROM BERLIN  
ITSELF RATHER THAN WITH TRANSIT TRAFFIC, AND WE WOULD BE FULLY

SATISFIED BY A SHUTTLE-VEHICLE SERVICE. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH ANY EXPERIMENTS SUCH AS "OPERATION TRAVEL SERVICE" (PARA 6, REF B) WHICH MAY BE CARRIED OUT. WE HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT BEARERS WITH GOOD COMMAND OF BOTH GERMAN AND RUSSIAN WHO COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN EXPERIMENT. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THEIR SERVICES ARE NEEDED.

5. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO SPECIFIC QUERIES POSED IN PARA 6 IN REF A:

A. TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN BY CAR. EMBASSY WARSAW HAS NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA BEYOND THE NEED TO BRIEF EACH AND EVERY TRAVELER ON THE ROUTE TO BE FOLLOWED AND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING THE AUTOBAHN EXITS WHICH LEAD INTO EAST BERLIN.

B. TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN BY TRAIN. ALMOST ALL RAIL TRAVEL FROM WARSAW WOULD BE TO WEST BERLIN ITSELF. OF THE SMALL MINORITY WHO MIGHT TRANSIT BERLIN BY RAIL EN ROUTE TO WESTERN EUROPE, MANY COULD BE EXPECTED TO BREAK THEIR TRAVEL FOR AT LEAST A DAY OR TWO IN WEST BERLIN.

C. IN TERMS OF PURELY TRANSIT RAIL PASSENGERS FROM EMBASSY WARSAW, WE ARE PROBABLY TALKING ABOUT NO MORE THAN ONE OR TWO FAMILIES A YEAR.

D. (N/A)

E. NOT ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO POSTS IN POLAND HAVE DIPLO-  
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MATIC PASSPORTS. IN GENERAL, ONLY OFFICERS WITH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR TITLES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO REGISTER NON-DIPLOMATIC, NON-CONSULAR PERSONNEL WHO PRESENT DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: SHOULD IT PROVE FEASIBLE TO MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO USBER TO ESTABLISH A SHUTTLE SERVICE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE START OF THE BUSY SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON.

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